California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control

Public Notice Proposed California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration For:

Proposed Regulations – Electronic Hazardous Waste DTSC Control Number R-01-06

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requests public comments on its proposed Negative Declaration on the adoption of proposed new regulations entitled "Electronic Hazardous Waste." The proposed regulations would be implemented statewide. The project location is the entire State of California.

The Electronic Hazardous Waste regulations will replace the current emergency rules for cathode ray tube (CRT) materials and will add consumer electronic devices (CEDs) to the State's existing universal waste standards. CRTs are used in television sets, computer monitors, and scientific equipment. CEDs are any electronic device that is used in the home or business and can include telephones, radios, answering machines, stereo equipment, and some smaller appliances. Only those CRT materials and CEDs that are hazardous wastes (meet a hazardous waste criteria "test") are proposed for regulation under the project.

The proposed regulations also create a petition process for adding other hazardous wastes to the State's existing universal waste standards. This petition process will be accessible to the general public.

Persons managing CEDs will be subject to the existing general standards for universal waste handlers, transporters, and destination facilities. Persons managing CRT materials will be subject to standards established specifically for those wastes.

The proposed universal waste management standards provide simple, cost-effective requirements for accumulation, storage, and transportation of CRT material and CED wastes. The standards focus on proper ultimate recycling of CRT materials and prohibit the disposal of CRT materials to an unpermitted disposal facility. In addition, CEDs will be required to be recycled and disposed at permitted hazardous waste facilities. DTSC has determined, based on an initial study, that the project, the Electronic Hazardous Waste regulations, will not have a significant environmental impact. Therefore, DTSC is issuing a Negative Declaration for these regulations.

The Negative Declaration, the Initial Study, the proposed regulations (the project), and associated regulatory documentation can be inspected at the addresses below and can be downloaded from DTSC's Internet site at: www.dtsc.ca.gov under "Laws, Regulations and Policies."

Copies of the Negative Declaration are available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

Cal/EPA
DTSC Headquarters
Contact: Ellen L. Haertle
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Northern California Field Office Berkeley Regional Office 700 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 (510) 540-2122 Glendale Regional Office 1011 N. Grandview Avenue Glendale, CA 91201 (818) 551-2800

Cypress Regional Office 5796 Corporate Avenue Cypress, CA 90630 (714) 484-5302

Clovis Field Office 1515 Tollhouse Road Clovis, CA 93611 (559) 297-3901

Comments will be accepted on the proposed Negative Declaration beginning on August 30, 2002 until the close of business on September 30, 2002; comments should be submitted by mail to the DTSC headquarters address, above, and should be postmarked no later than September 30, 2002. A public hearing on the proposed regulations will be held on Monday, September 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Central Valley Auditorium on the 2nd floor of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Building, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento.